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Lauds Single Chest Drive

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AFL Helps Put Across Single Drive For Welfare Agencies in Detroit

By ROGER E. BURGESS
Editor, Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator
(Distributed by International Labor Press of America)

Detroit, Mich.—Detroit, the city that fully developed the mass-production system in its vital industries, has now done the sage thing in regards to its donations to voluntary health and community service organizations.

Its United Foundation, through a yearly Torch Drive, is supplying all of the money necessary to finance some 140-odd community services.

The 1950 drive has just gone over the top quota of $10,500,000 by more than $100,000 and is monthly, the yearly 21-day campaign, which has captured the imagination and enthusiasm of the entire community, exceeded its quota of $8,500,000 in 1949 and when more than $91 millions were raised.

The United Foundation has the complete support of all unions and of organized labor. At one of the recent report luncheons at which the workers reveal the progress they have made A. L. Spradling, president AFL Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes of America, made the principal address.

Mr. Spradling set forth some of the many reasons for the whole-hearted participation of organized labor in this civic undertaking.

"For many years," he said, "we in organized labor have advocated just the idea that has found its crystallization in the United Foundation. For many appeals for funds from too many worthy organizations have led to confusion, waste and inefficiency in every major city in the country."

Paying tribute to the unique organization and its founders, he continued:

"You people in Detroit, however, chose to do something about it. Along with your civic leaders from management, organized labor — cooperating by the great unions—has played a leading role in the formation and development of the Torch Drive."

He then pointed out that approximately 20 representatives of organized labor serve as officers and board members of the United Foundation.

Taking cognizance of the fact that fund raising drives to finance community service projects are increasingly dependent upon the individual workers—members of labor unions—he remarked:

"These drives are no longer being financed by the relatively few wealthy people who have the burden in the past.

"Mass giving is becoming more and more important in drives of this kind, and today you'll find that virtually every working man in this city has been made fully aware of the Torch Drive and its objectives.

"The success of the Torch Drive last year brought this city to the attention of the entire nation. You exceeded your goal by more than $1 million—the Community Chest campaigns in most other major cities were failing."

Mr. Spradling then singled out the labor unions for special praise, as labor unions had played in that campaign.

"Of the total funds raised," he stated, "21.2 percent came from hourly-paid employes, union men. This proves to be the amazing amount of nearly $2 million, better than one-fifth of the total, and obviously the largest contribution ever given by labor, and what might have been a single deficit."

There were many reasons as to why organized labor was cooperating fully with the United Foundation, he observed.

"The unions wanted a single solicitation each year," said Mr. Spradling. "With your Torch Drive, you have made that possible.

"Labor organizations have always desired that their members meet their obligations to health and community services, but we have wanted a part in the setting of the goals on the basis of common sense. In the Torch Drive, that has been given us that.

"We also wanted a simple formula for payment of contributions by drives through payroll deductions. Again the Torch Drive has fulfilled the demand.

"Above all, like sensible citizens throughout the social and economic strata, working men wanted to be spared the annoyance, the confusion, and the waste engendered by countless, ceaseless solicitations.

"Perhaps the most important improvement the Torch Drive has brought us is relief from those evils. Members of labor unions," he concluded, "are grateful to you for wonderful sieges. 'Give Once For All.'"

Mr. Spradling was introduced by Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, and a vice president of the United Foundation.

Hoy C. Traylor, a member of the Amalgamated Association, and Local Division 26, is the AFL representative to the United Foundation.

Workers Education Bureau Becomes AFL Department, Moves to Capital

Washington.—The Workers Education Bureau moves here on Dec. 1 and becomes the AFL Department of Education, an integral part of the functional activities of the American Federation of Labor.

Director John D. Connors issued this statement on the change:

"This change has been under consideration for some time, but only now has it been possible to find suitable office space. AFL headquarters is overcrowded, as you who have visited it know, and therefore the federation has arranged for the bureau to rent the nearby Victor Building, 724 9th St. N.W., Washington D. C. Suite 801.

"The Workers Education Bureau was formally dissolved as an independent educational organization at the Houston meeting of our executive committee, and all of its property, copyrights, office and film equipment, files and all other assets have been transferred to the American Federation of Labor.

"In becoming integrated into the federation as one of its departments and thus terminating its almost 30 years as an independent organization, the bureau is only fulfilling its destiny. Even in the first year of its existence, 1921, a memorandum drawn up by President Gompers, Matthew Woll, Hugh Frayne and Chester Wright, with Spencer Miller, Jr., as secretary of the bureau, was adopted as a basis of cooperation between the federation and the fledgling organization. Since then the relations between those 2 organizations have grown more and more cooperative and functional.

"The purpose of the Workers Education Bureau, originally conceived was to serve as a clearinghouse of information and a guiding force in the development of workers' education in the United States. In its early days, most of its financial support came from individuals both within and without the labor movement, and from foundations. But as organized labor's interest in the education of its members developed, the need and request for the bureau's program have come from labor, until during the past decade the American Federation of Labor and its affiliates have become the bureau's sole financial support.

"Over the years, as the educational needs of labor have changed and emphasis has shifted, so has the program of the bureau. It pledged to continue to give the program to serve those needs, and its staff looks forward with eagerness to the opportunity to cooperate more closely with the other departments of the federation and to be of increasingly greater service to the AFL and its affiliated unions.

"As we take this forward step and join the headquarters staff in Washington, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the support we have received from all our affiliated organizations and for their free cooperation and that of our other friends in the labor movement throughout which it has been our pleasure to work. We look forward to continuing with all our old friends and with new ones as well, in the days that lie ahead."

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Labor Wants Role In Repairing Korea

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Correspondent for AFL News Service

New York.—You should have heard the squealing and katzenjammering around the United Nations by the Soviet phonographs that walk like a man when a spokesman for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions launched on Green's issue.

It all happened at a session of the UN's Economic and Social Council when the representative of the world free trade union movement arose to tell the council convened at Lake Success that Korea showed that "communism brings death and destruction, threatening the independence especially of the smaller nations while the genuine democracies make the supreme sacrifice for the maintenance of freedom in those parts of the world where it still exists, heal the wounds inflicted by the aggression and help the nations in rehabilitation and reconstruction."

The ICFTU spokesman before the U.N. Miss Toni Sender, a veteran in the battle against totalitarianism, then told the UN council to see to it that free labor was represented in the Korean rehabilitation program and to ensure the growth of strong, independent trade unions.

"We must be aware," she said, "that dictatorships and totalitarianism can only be kept out of power if we are not satisfied with military success alone. What would it mean for the population if there would be but a low standard of living, the same misery as before, the same period of relief by the United Nations? Basic reforms are necessary so that the democrat of democracy would become identified with better welfare for the common man.

"Those men who have given their lives in the struggle for the independence of Korea and with faith in an ideal 'the ideal of freedom and respect for the human person.' This must be the guiding idea in the fateful decisions to be taken after victory.

"No sooner had she completed her statement on the resolution before the Economic and Social Council on Korean reconstruction proposals than a Soviet spokesman, Mihanek D. Arutiunian, started to denounce the ICFTU, charging it was nothing more than "the voice of the State Department." He bubbled with anger and never referred to Miss Sender by name but merely as "that person of the female sex."

AFL Backs Payroll Savings Bond Drive

Washington.—"Now, Let's All Buy Bonds."

That is the slogan AFL President William Green is one of the leaders under this slogan of the Treasury Department in a new drive to stimulate the sale of U. S. savings bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan.

All AFL employes at national headquarters have been given a new opportunity to sign up for the payroll savings bond plan in operation since the days of World War II.

George E. Leighty, chairman Building and Labor Executives Association and CIO President Philip Murray are serving with Mr. Green as leaders of the labor division.

The Treasury said the promotion is an effort to absorb into savings a substantial portion of the excessive cash and increased wages resulting from greater employment in defense industries, and so apply a curb on potential inflation. Secretary Snyder announced that labor is affected directly by curtailment orders and that it should be heard.

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DIRECTS BOND SALE

Washington.—C. H. (Herb) Heaslep, 30-year member AFL Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, serves as director labor relations of the Savings Bonds Division, U. S. Treasury.

Rent Controls End Dec. 31—Unless Your Community Acts to Retain Them

Washington. — Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods announced that more than 600 communities have acted to establish federal rent control after Dec. 31.

His announcement was a reminder that such action must be taken if federal wage controls are to be in effect under the present law. There appears little chance that Congress returning on Nov. 27 will act to extend them.

AFL President William Green alerted Central Labor Unions to the local option provision of the federal rent control law following the 1949 convention of the federation urged appointment of local committees to fight for retention of rent controls until June 30, 1951, where the housing situation continues to be tight.

Mr. Woods said populations of the 600 communities total 20,000,000 and they had an estimated 3,000,000 rental units.

Of the total, 117 communities passed resolutions asking the continuance or extension of rent control and sent notification of their action to Mr. Woods for entry in the federal register.

More than 300 others acted by public hearing, election or vote. Others said a preliminary count indicated that rent control extension was favored by voters in 103 communities and disapproved in 58.

In the Boston area, where 302 communities voted on the question of continued rent control, only 37 turned down extension beyond Dec. 31.

In the remaining 22 communities voted on the rent question and all 32 voted for rent control extension.

New Book Quotes Green, Gompers

New York.—AFL President William Green and Samuel Gompers, founder and first AFL president, are quoted on the newly-published "The Story of Thought as the Basis for Business of Life." (B. C. Forbes Publishing Co.)

The selections are taken from speeches made in the past 25 years by Forbes Magazine of Business. The AFL presidents quoted are timely.

Mr. Green: "With labor and management working together in cooperative spirit—we can build and produce and grow and, finally, get more from what—ever source, against our own security and the security of the world."

Mr. Gompers: "Labor is stated in bold relief in the history of man's attempts for betterment. That is the supreme consideration, and, only resentment is aroused, and the end is not gained by ignoring labor's reasonable and appeal to man's reason can a movement succeed."

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LABOR EDITOR WRITES WESTERNER

Centralia, Wash. — William Vasey, editor of News Courier, Red Bows, is author of "Range-Fat West, new western, under the pseudonym of George Cassidy. (Pinnacle.)

The story relates the fight between homesteaders and ranchers in Wyoming in the late 1800's.

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Washington.—Drop in college enrollment of war veterans is 23 percent under a year ago, only 575,000 being enrolled.

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Plan for Stronger Force Ouvriere

Paris, France.—A decided movement toward unity of action with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions sparked the recent convention of 1,000 Force Ouvriere leaders here.

Irving Brown, AFL representative in Europe, attended as a fraternal delegate from the American Federation of Labor.

The meeting a reported 1 million members in France and colonies, delegates considered ways to strengthen their union, a 5-year-old nonconmunist federation which broke away from the communist-dominated Confederation Generale du Travail.

Delegates voted to invite members of other nonconmunist unions to attend their sessions.

The delegates also voted to:

Tie up wages to the cost of living index and an "escalator" clause by which double sliding scale was the most popular step endorsed by delegates in their economic and social programs.

Ask that unemployment insurance benefits be granted not just with making profits, but with meeting production and marketing costs.

Expose cartels as the biggest handicap to effectiveness of labor negotiations.

Follow lessons learned from visits of 74 teams to American unions and work for a united Europe as a prerequisite for a higher living standard.

The delegates expressed appreciation to American workers for Marshall Plan aid.

Britain Kills Red Sheffield Rally

Sheffield, England.—The British government made conditions so difficult for the communists organizers of the Sheffield so-called "peace congress" that they called off the big rally the meeting scheduled to open Nov. 13.

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AFL Offers Health Insurance Facts

Washington.—The AFL says national health insurance will probably be "your doctor earlier, stay healthier and stop worrying about medical bills."

These are the facts contained in a new AFL pamphlet available free of charge to anyone who wishes to write for it. They are an answer to the distortion and untruths spread by the American Medical Association in its national health insurance.

The new AFL publication explains how national health insurance would work for you:

1. When you or a member of your family need medical care, you should call or go to the doctor of your own choice.

If your doctor found you needed hospital care or the service of a specialist, you would be entitled to such care, regardless of your income.

You would also be entitled to laboratory and X-ray services, medicines, home nursing and, within limits, dental care, eye glasses and appliances.

2. You and your family would get these benefits if you are employed, a member of a union or the spouse of one. You would make small regular payments out of your income into a government insurance fund, just like social security. The payments made by people on wages and salaries would be matched by equal payments from their employers.

You would be eligible for these benefits also if you were retired under social security or government retirement plan, or if you were receiving public aid and your contribution was paid by a local or state agency.

3. The health insurance fund would be handled by the local committee—to be appointed by the doctors themselves—in each community. You would handle the funds and determine the method of payment.

4. Your doctor, specialist and hospital would be paid out of the fund handled by the local committee—to be appointed by the doctors themselves—in each community. That's the only difference from the present method. Your medical bill will be paid on the insurance basis rather than individually on the catastrophe basis.

You could see your doctor earlier, stay healthier, stop worrying about medical bills.

Send This Coupon Today!

HEALTH
A F of L
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me the facts about National Health Insurance.

Name
(PLEASE PRINT)

Street

City and State

Washington.—All Americans are urged to send this coupon or just their name and address on a postal card to receive a brief statement on how National Health Insurance works to enable you to "see your doctor earlier, stay healthier, stop worrying about medical bills.

Cut on dotted lines

Glasses Cost Under $6 in Union Service

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Correspondent of AFL News Service

New York.—More than 20 locals of the American Federation of Labor are today participating in an optical service whereby the members are receiving glasses and eye examinations at unbelievably low cost.

The service, started more than 4 years ago, is run on a limited profit basis. The books of the Union Optical Plan, as it is called, are open for inspection by the union agreements and officials.

Unions in this venture include the International Ladies' Garment Workers, Hotel and Restaurant Workers, Retail Clerks, Building Service Employes, Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes, Textile Workers and Electrical Workers. Locals of CIO unions are also participating.

Just published is a combined report on the first 4 years of the plan. In 1949 which shows that 10,169 unionists participated of whom 9,871 were supplied with glasses. The average unit cost of the glasses was $5.71, which is well under half the citywide average.

Heading up this program as director is the man who first thought of the idea, Bernard J. Englander, a bombardier-navigator in World War II with 50 missions to his credit, who wanted to do something for working people, many of whom are mulcted by fast-talking salesmen who want to sell glasses, and fancy frames.

There are 2 kinds of agreements between unions and the plan. The union can issue identification cards with which members and their families get service at agreed upon rates. The other method calls for the union's welfare fund meeting the expense.

Only union material is used by the plan and all its employes are union members.

SPONSOR FUND

Chicago.—AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray and Albert J. Hayes, president International Association of Machinists, have joined forces to sponsor and establish a Samuel Gompers Memorial Fund, to be presented to Roosevelt College, Chicago, for endowment revenues in December.

Proposed by nine leaders and members as part of this year's nation-wide observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the pioneer American labor leader, the fund will become a permanent memorial in his honor.

The money will be used to provide scholarships for worthy students, to improve educational facilities, and to develop greater labor education opportunities at Roosevelt College, the only U. S. college to place its Labor Education Division on an equal footing with its other schools.

KOREA FILM OFFERED

Washington.—The United States Army film, "The First Forty Days," a 20-minute, 16-millimeter black and white combat picture of the Korean war is now available for public use through Army film library centers.

The film can be obtained on loan from Signal Corps libraries in each Army area. It is also available for purchase through the Office of Education, United World Films, Inc., 1445 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. Requests for the film should refer to the designation Miscellaneous Number 7761.

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WILLIAM GREEN, *President* — WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1950 — GEORGE MEANY, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Labor's Political Fight Will Go On!

New York.—AFL Vice President David Dubinsky, president International Ladies Garment Workers Union, predicts that labor's political efforts will continue.

In a post-election statement published by "Justice," official ILGWU publication, Mr. Dubinsky said:

"As in our struggles for economic betterment, we are accustomed to taking defeat as well as victory in stride.

"Ours is a long-range program, and we have dedicated our lives to its realization.

"It was a grand campaign—for enduring principles—and though we sustained some severe casualties, our objectives remain unimpaired and invincible. The fight goes on!"

Mr. Dubinsky said he is "deeply concerned" about the outcome of the Nov. 7 elections but that the picture is not as dark as the anti-liberal press and some political commentators would make it appear.

"It is not difficult to imagine, what with the desperate and reckless campaign carried on by the anti-liberal and anti-labor forces from coast to coast, what the Democratic congressional losses would have been were it not for the energetic counter-campaign by organized labor," he said.

"Our Liberal Party contributed the decisive margin—310,000 votes—to the reelection to the U. S. Senate of that sterling liberal statesman and political leader, Herbert H. Lehman, in itself an achievement of the highest caliber. But we failed in electing the coalition Liberal-Democratic candidates for governor and New York City mayor after a bitter and hardfought battle.

"It would be futile to seek out alibis for the political setbacks which the labor liberal forces received nationally in this election.

"With the defeat of several leading Fair Dealers in the Senate and the reduced Democratic majority in the House, the outlook for liberal legislation in the next Congress is slim, indeed.

"The GOP-Dixiecrat coalition has the power to dictate policy and to control the purse strings of the 82d Congress. The insidious power of the lobbies, on the other hand, might be expected to become correspondingly greater."

BREAD PROTEST

Washington.—Eight national organizations with a membership of 20 million consumers, including the AFL, have asked Food and Drug Administration to amend the proposed standards on bread and white bread.

The objections asked that FDA:

(1) Remove entirely criteria on quantities of recognized nutritious elements which may be used in bread, white bread or enriched white bread. (2) Require use of open-formula labeling on wrappers of all bread products—publication of the exact quantity by percent of each element contained in a loaf. (3) Revise the section requiring use of shortenings and chemical substitutes so that use of chemical shortenings, now controlled by one firm, would not lead to monopolistic practices and restraint of trade.

The organizations, mainly concerned about the proposed limit on use of soy flour and wheat germ in bread, said the ruling would set a precedent freezing bread at its present standards.

BROOM SWEEPING TO BE EASIER, GALS!

Chicago.—Brooms will have a "new look" next year.

The AFL International Broom and Whisk Makers Union reports that because of adverse weather broom corn this year grew much shorter in length so that brooms will have to be made shorter and given a new look.

"The broom will have a softer tip which will make it much easier for the housewife to keep her floors clean," said Union Secretary-Treasurer O. A. Steinke.

MRS. ROSENBERG SWORN

Washington.—Mrs. Anna Marie Rosenberg, 48, New York, was sworn Nov. 15 as Assistant Secretary of Defense to succeed Paul H. Griffith of Pennsylvania, regional director of War Manpower Commission 1942-45, who will specialize in matters related to manpower.

Iron Lung Saves Two

Baltimore, Md.—This iron lung, already credited with saving the lives of 2 youngsters stricken with infantile paralysis, was presented to Children's Hospital by AFL Baltimore Fire Fighters Association and Fire Fighters Local 734, participating in dedicatory ceremonies were, l. to r., George L. Radcliffe, chairman Maryland Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Robert L. Mosat, chairman Fire Fighters public relations committee, and Raymond C. Fogarty, Local 734 president. (Source: Baltimore Federationist. Distributed by International Labor Press Association.)

Asks Inquiry of Bar Attack on Genocide

Newark, N. J.—AFL Vice President Matthew Woll has informed Louis P. Mariacher, president of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor, that he will urge a Senate inquiry into allegations that the American Bar Association utilized part of a $15,000 grant to fight ratification of the Genocide Pact by the U. S. Senate.

The charges against the American Bar Association originally were made by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which maintained that the funds were granted for impartial work for peace and law through the United Nations.

Mr. Marciante had urged AFL action because a special committee, headed by Mr. Woll, has been working hard to speed ratification of the Genocide Convention. The pact would outlaw mass murder of ethnic, national, racial or religious groups.

Acting upon the request of Mr. Woll, the state AFL recently enlisted the cooperation of U. S. Senator Smith, a member of the Senate foreign affairs committee, in an attempt to hasten favorable action by the Upper House.

Mr. Woll wrote Marciante that he will confer with AFL President William Green with a view toward having a "full investigation—congressional if need be—into this matter."

"I quite agree with you that the AFL should interest itself not only in the American Bar Association, but in other professional groups which abuse their standings and their objectives by willfully or otherwise injecting themselves into the political scene and in opposing measures which are humane and concerned with the public welfare," Mr. Woll said.

Genocide is a new name for an old crime. It means the extermination of people just because they belong to a particular group. The crime may take the form of massacres, or of execution or subjecting the group to such conditions that it cannot continue to live. It may take the form of restricting its birth rate to the point of extinction, or forced transfer of its children.

"I still inquire into allegations that the American Bar Association utilized part of a $15,000 grant to fight ratification of the Genocide Pact by the U. S. Senate.

"To put it bluntly, it means that the existence of those human groups which throughout history have been under attack has become a matter of international concern. Legal protection has been granted to those who, until now, appealed in vain, in distress and danger, for rescue which never came.

"The international convention was the first step which gives every country becoming a party to it, to accept certain obligations—in this case, to prevent and punish genocide.

On December 9, 1948, the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the convention. By October 22, 1950, the required number of governments had submitted their ratifications, and early in January 1951, the pact comes into full force.

The agreement is not merely a pious expression of horror at the systematic destruction of groups of human beings. It is a carefully-worked, closely-knit legal document, defining the crime and outlining courses of action.

It says correctly that those guilty shall be punished whether they "are" constitutionally responsible rulers, officials or private individuals."

In other words, no one can plead immunity because he acted not as an individual but as an official.

Any member state may invoke charges and those guilty will be held responsible for their crimes, not only before their own courts, but also before international bodies. The International Court of Justice will pass on conflicting interpretations of the law.

The United Nations has not yet ratified the Genocide Convention. A subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee conducted hearings last January and March, and has received favorable testimony from many of the AFL milk drivers' union, already on record as advocating higher pay for school workers.

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Polio Fund Broke Fighting Epidemic

New York.—The last three years have been the three blackest polio years in the nation's history.

More than 100,000 cases were reported in 1948-49-50 and as many as the entire case load for the previous 10 years.

Under the pressure of these successive epidemics, 873 chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in 45 states were broke by mid-October 1950.

Before 1950 was over, National Foundation headquarters went out more than $7,500,000 in supplementary aid to these hard hit areas. There were no more reserves for patient care. Every last penny had been spent.

The National Foundation made the figures public in announcing that the 1951 March of Dimes will be held Jan. 15-31.

AFL Teachers Seek $6,600 Chicago Top

By DAN SMYTH
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Chicago.—Salary increases ranging from 28 to 48 percent for 14,000 Chicago public school teachers were asked by the AFL Chicago Teachers Union in a proposed schedule submitted to the Board of Education.

John Fewkes, president of the union, said that the present salary still would not bring back to the teachers the purchasing power they had in 1939. The proposed raises are about 10 percent higher than salaries the teachers asked last year but didn't get.

"Salaries of teachers have never caught up with the cost of living, as have those of industrial employes and other professions," said Mr. Fewkes. "And the teachers are always the first ones to be cut."

The bugaroo on the tentative budget for 1951 will be held by the school board on Dec 18, with a public hearing scheduled for Dec. 27.

One of the board's members, Thomas J. Hagerty, is executive secretary of the AFL milk drivers' union, already on record as advocating higher pay for school workers.

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THANKS TUAC

Paris.—One of the last acts of Paul G. Hoffman before retiring as Marshall Plan administrator in charge of Western Europe's free trade unions was to thank their leaders.

Mr. Hoffman asked Walter Schevenels, secretary-general of the International Plan's Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to extend his thanks to the nearly 40,000,000 trade unionists TUAC represents.

BEWARE SOVIET "PEACE"

New York.—Every so-called "peace" offensive staged by Russia has been a tactical move in a program to enslave the world, Paul G. Hoffman former administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration, told the National Foreign Trade Council, Inc.

AFL Urges Congress to Tax Corporations $6 Billion More

Washington.—The AFL told Congress that American corporations can afford to pay $5 to $6 billion more per year in taxes at the present rate of profits.

Such an increase "involves no serious hardship to corporations at the present level of earnings," Arthur A. Elder, consultant AFL Tax Committee, advised the House Ways and Means Committee.

The committee will recommend an excess profits tax to the "lame duck" session of Congress beginning Nov 27. Sen. Robert A. Taft, playing the game of log business as usual, has said the session will not pass such a measure but Fair Deal members of Congress will press for such action nevertheless.

In addition to an excess profits tax, President Truman said he believes the "lame duck" session should also extend rent controls and the state hood to Alaska and Hawaii.

AFL unions will press also for passage of the House-approved bill directing Postmaster General Jesse M Donaldson to increase rates on mail deliveries and for enactment of the bill authorizing the increase slap on the nation's railroads.

Mr. Elder said the AFL is strongly in favor of financing the regular expenses of government and costs of defense programs "as nearly possible out of current tax revenues. He said the AFL was disappointed that no excess profits tax had been adopted in the regular session of Congress this year.

"We hope," Mr. Elder said, "that your committee will recommend a substantial increase in the taxation of excess profits.

"The American Federation of Labor has become alarmed at the increasing tendency at all levels of government since World War II to expend more and more on taxes on consumers and less on taxes based on ability to pay.

"In fiscal year 1948, a year of peak war time revenue, $34.7 billion out of $39.6 billion, or 44.1 percent of the total tax revenue at all levels of government was derived from taxes on individual and corporate income ($18.7 billion on individuals, plus $15.3 billion on corporate income).

"In 1949, by contrast, with total tax revenues a half billion dollars higher than in 1948, tax collections of $27.9 billion were 39.2 percent or 52.1 percent of total collections of $53.58 billion.

"Moreover, the earlier tax adjustments made by Congress in the personal income tax field resulted in a disproportionately large share of tax savings to taxpayers in the groups with net income of $5,000 and over.

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"The proposal to increase tax revenue by increasing corporate profits would appear to be equitable, would provide needed revenue and would restore a needed balance to the tax structure.

"Moreover, the proposed increase is not, to our opinion, excessive in the light of the continuing high level of corporate profits since 1946. Profits for the current year will be only slightly less than the $20.9 billion in profits after taxes of 1948, a record year in 1948.

"We would urge that your committee take favorable action on the recommendations of the President to increase corporate income tax revenues retroactively to July 1, 1950.

"We further urge enactment of such a tax at this time would give balance to the tax structure, would constitute a necessary support to efforts to check inflationary tendencies, would provide needed revenue, and would constitute no excessive burden on corporate taxpayers who at the current high level of corporate profits could continue to operate with very high earnings and at a high rate of return."

McGrath Visits ITU Home

Colorado Springs, Colo.—U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath (right) greets Union Printers Home operated by AFL International Typographical Union on visit. L. to r., Home Superintendent Duwell E. Patterson, ITU Secretary-Treasurer Woodruff Randolph, Mrs. Hurd and Mrs. Patterson, home matron, and Mr. McGrath.

Truman to Restudy Mail Service Cuts

ANOTHER COMPLAINT ON MAIL SERVICE

New York.—Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson's orders curtailing U. S. mail service continues to inconvenience the American people.

The New York Women's Trade Union League Bulletin reports:

"Mail deliveries of the League Bulletin have been so poor members telephoned and say it arrives after the date of the meeting.

"Write your congressmen and senators to do something at once."

Washington.—President Truman promised AFL President William Green that an investigation will be made of the cutbacks in postal mail deliveries and the use of lower-paid substitutes for higher-paying more skilled postal clerks duties.

Mr. Truman made the commitment during a White House call by Mr. Green, AFL Vice President William Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers; President Leo George of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks and President William M. Thomas of the National Postal Transport Association.

The AFL committee presented to Mr. Truman the AFL convention resolution calling for rescinding the two antipublic antilabor orders of the Post Office Department. They stressed the need for immediate rescission of these orders.

Mr. Truman said he will discuss the matter with Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

The AFL resolution said:

"Whereas, on October 27, 1949, and again on April 17, 1950, the Postmaster General of the United States issued orders which (1) expanded the duties of unskilled employes to include duties previously performed only by skilled employes paid at a higher rate and (2) eliminated and curtailed postal services to the detriment of the American public and to the grave injury to all postal employes, respectively, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the 69th convention of the American Federation of Labor condemn both of these orders of the Postmaster General on the grounds that they are not in the interest of the American public and are destructive of the working conditions and standards of all postal employes, as well, and call upon the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to take such steps as necessary to cause the early rescinding of these obnoxious orders by either administrative or legislative action."

Finnish Labor Leaders Visit U. S.: Weigh Break From Communist WFTU

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
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New York.—Finland is a free nation under a democratic form, but somehow managed to remain free while the unions, including those in Iron Curtain. It also intends to remain free.

All this was apparent during an interview with four top Finnish trade union leaders on a visit to the United States as the guests of the Free Trade Union Committee of the AFL.

Actually it was not, in the traditional sense of the word, much of an interview. The four Finns smiled at some of the questions and spoke little. At other questions they shrugged their shoulders and said little. To most of the questions their looks were more eloquent than their words. But sometimes they did the idea they quickly that these Finns aren't going to be part of Czechoslovakia, for example, at least not without some serious resistance.

The four Finns, who will tour the United States, during the next few weeks, are:

Aku Sumo, 43, president of the Finnish Federation of Labor; Valdemar Lillestrom, 48, president of the Metal Workers Union; John A. Kivirie, 44, president of the Public Service Employes Union, and Vihtori Rantanen, 52, president of the Paper Workers Union.

In the interview took place at the New York office of AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, chairman of the Free Trade Union Committee, who emphasized that this was not a government delegation but that the four men were here to study the American economy and the labor movement.

"They have taken an heroic position," Mr. Woll, "in standing firm. We hope to give them inspiration and to help them keep a strong democratic trade union movement."

The Sumo, spoke for Finland is equivalent to that of AFL President Green, acted as delegation spokesman.

"Finland is determined," he said, "to maintain her free way of life. Our democratic institutions are the same as they were before—free, democratic institutions. We want peaceful relations with all countries and we must be mindful of our relations with the Soviet Union."

Next June will be a fateful month in the life of Finnish trade unionism. At that time, a labor congress, akin to the AFL annual convention, will be held and as a first order of business the question of disaffiliation with the WFTU World Federation of Trade Unions will be taken up. The Finnish trade unions may at that time consider applying for affiliation with the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which the Scandinavian and other free labor bodies throughout the world are now affiliated.

Finland is not a country benefiting from the Marshall Plan nor is it part of the North Atlantic Pact. It has no five major agreements with the Soviet Union as its trade unionists are obviously looking to the free labor movements for moral support and political standing. During their visits here, it is certain that visible manifestations of such support will be forthcoming.

The delegates' itinerary includes: Nov. 24, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville and Nashville, Tenn.; Nov. 27, Cincinnati; Nov. 28, Cleveland; Nov. 30, Chicago; Dec. 3, St. Paul; Dec. 4, Duluth; Dec. 5, Superior, Wis.; Dec. 7, Minneapolis; Dec. 10, Detroit; Dec. 13, return to New York City and return to Helsinki, by air, Dec. 16.

Many Doctors Ask AFL Health Facts As Thousands Write For Free Booklet

Washington.—Several score medical doctors are among the thousands of people asking for the new AFL pamphlet on how National Health Insurance would work for you.

Nelson H. Cruikshank, director AFL Social Insurance Activities, said that one cut of each 100 requests comes from a medical doctor.

The doctors' closed shop organization, American Medical Association, is opposing National Health Insurance and joined other reactionary forces to defeat Senate and House members who favor this intelligent plan to help meet medical costs for the average worker.

You could see your doctor earlier, stay healthier, stop worrying about medical bills," the AFL advises in its summary of National Health Insurance.

Mr. Cruikshank said that thousands of people all over the country are writing for the pamphlet in response to announcements on the Frank Edwards news broadcasts sponsored by the AFL and coupons carried by AFL newspapers.

Urges State Curbs On Child Labor

New York.—The National Child Labor Committee will ask the Dec. 2-17 Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth to put its weight behind a campaign for enactment of laws in every state barring employment of persons under 16 years old during school hours.

Although the committee has been pressing for such legislation for years, it was reported, only 45 states have a 16-hour minimum for employment in school hours. Twenty-eight states still permit youngsters 14 or 15 to work full time, a committee official said.

Because the new defense preparations are expected to cause labor shortages and thus increase the number of job openings for school-age youngsters, more protective laws are needed now.

The conference scheduled to convene Dec. 3 to 7 in Washington will be asked to help supplement the high school on its list of basic standards for child development, committee officials reported.

Child labor in certain age brackets has tripled in the last 10 years, the committee said.

Increases over the last 10 years in 14 and 15 year olds employed in proportionately greater than increases among 16 and 17 year olds, the report showed. The younger group tripled its numbers; the older group doubled.

ENGELBRECHT NAMED

Washington.—The AFL National Federation of Insurance Agents' Council named Treasurer Charles E. Engelbrecht chairman of its newly-formed national legislative committee.

Maintenance of Way Union Begins Drive to Win 14,000 On Santa Fe

Topeka, Kans.—The AFL Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes kicked off a drive to bring 14,000 employes in the waymen's craft on the Santa Fe Railroad under the banner of the Rail Brotherhood.

The Santa Fe is the only railroad system in the Brotherhood's fold, approximately 350 other rail carriers in the United States, Canada and Mexico signed up with the Waymen. A victory on the Santa Fe will bring the Brotherhood's representation to the 100 percent mark on the "Iron Horse."

The campaign opened with a two-day meeting of 50 regular and special organizers in Kansas City, Mo.

Thereafter, the organizers fanned out over the 13,600-mile railroad system to sign up maintenance of way employes on authorization cards. After signatures of 50 percent of the employes have been obtained, the National (Railway) Mediation Board will be asked to hold a collective bargaining election.

At present, the Santa Fe waymen are represented by a subordinate lodge of the CIO-Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, which took over a previous company union there. The AFL is the only waymen's unit on the nation's railroads, the union claims for CIO.

"We have received an avalanche of requests from the Santa Fe employes to come in and organize them under the banner of our brotherhood," explained President T. C. Carroll of the Maintenance of Way Employes.

"They have made it clear they are fed up with the poor representation they have received at the hands of the CIO boathuilders," Carroll said. "The demand for a change has been growing like wildfire over the Santa Fe system."

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